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INTERIOR DEPARTMENT ASKS WATERFOWL HUNTERS TO "KNOW THEIR DUCKS"

The Department of the Interior today urged that every waterfowl hunter taking to the field this fall equip himself with a thorough knowledge of the ducks and geese he seeks.

This year's waterfowl regulations again stress the need for hunters to recognize their quarry before they pull the trigger. Enforcement officers probably will take a dim view of excuses that a hunter shot the wrong duck by "mistake," the Department said.

To assist hunters this year, the Department has published a handy 24-page color waterfowl identification guide, "Ducks at a Distance." Copies can be purchased for 25 cents each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

The Department noted that sportsmen's clubs, conservation groups and other organizations can obtain a special 25 percent discount on all orders of 100 copies or more.

The Fish and Wildlife Service said "Ducks at a Distance" was especially prepared to show waterfowl in their fall migration colors and to portray the birds from the same perspective that hunters see them in the wild. Service officials expressed the hope that every hunter carries a copy of the booklet and studies it before he goes into the field so that he will be adept at recognizing various species.

In addition to hunters, "Ducks at a Distance" will interest conservationists, students, and others who enjoy observing birdlife, the Department said.

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